

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 787
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ann Bates, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Scott High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bates is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bates has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Scott High School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, greatly influenced by her father's love for knowledge and her family's remarkable history in education, Ann Bates has dedicated her life to educating the future of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bates received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Berea College, a Master of Arts Degree in Secondary Counseling from Tennessee Technological University, and an Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bates has served with acumen and alacrity as an English Teacher at Scott High School for nine exemplary years, in which position she has earned the unbridled respect of her peers, superiors, students and their parents alike; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated instructor, Anne Bates teaches English classes for grades 9-12, Advanced English for grades 11 and 12 and Fundamental English for grades 9-12; and

WHEREAS, through her instruction and various activities, Ms. Bates fosters cultural diversity and exposes her students to the fine arts and to ideas that they would not otherwise come in contact; this unique strategy of teaching promotes a well-rounded education for her students and bodes well for their academic future; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bates also firmly believes in the preservation of local history and culture; this belief inspired her to assist in the creation of the Scott County Museum, which is located at Scott High School and allows students to trace their cultural and historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, Anne Bates truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Anne's remarkable teaching abilities have earned her several honors, including Recommendations for the Teacher Mentoring Program and Teacher of the Year, Mentor Teacher for student teachers and *Who's Who Among American Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, due to the remarkable performances of her students in recent countywide essay contests, she was able to accompany the Tennessee Youth Tour 2000 to Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, as an integral part of the educational community, Anne Bates participates in numerous professional organizations including the NEA, TEA, SCEA, NCTE, the School Improvement Plan and SACS; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as an Advisor to the Scott High School Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bates is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love, support and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bates truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ann Bates on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Scott High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.